

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:-

1. A removable printer cartridge for an inkjet printer including:
 - A printing fluid storage;
 - a printhead in fluid communication with the printing fluid storage; and
 - an assembly arranged to direct air over the printhead, the assembly including a filter.
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2. A removable printer cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the assembly includes an inlet for receiving air from a source located in the inkjet printer.
- 10 3. A removable printer cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the printhead comprises a pagewidth printhead.
4. A method for preventing degradation of a printhead of a removable printer cartridge including the steps of:
 - 15 generating a stream of air;
 - filtering particulate matter from the stream of air by means of a filter attached to said cartridge in order to produce filtered air; and
 - directing the filtered air over the printhead.
- 20 5. A method according to claim 4 wherein the step of generating a stream of air is undertaken by a means located remote of said cartridge.
6. A method according to claim 4, wherein the printhead comprises a pagewidth printhead.